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Christmas 1943 And After

— REV. WALTER E. SEIBER —
Carseland United Church

The Christmas Season with its message of "Peace on Earth among men of Good-will" is upon us once again. At this season our meditations lift our minds and souls out of this world of cruel conflict and death and transport them into a world in which "good-will" is the predominant note in our life.

We let our imagination rest upon the bleak hillside near "Bethlehem of Judea" where "the shepherds watch over their flock by night;" with its chilly night air and lowering clouds and we see the heavens opened and the glory of another world revealed to the poor shepherd folk on that cold winter night nearly 2,000 years ago.

We dream of angels drawing near out of the cloudland and we hear their joyous proclamation to a world which was waiting deliverance from the oppressive yoke of Imperial Rome. The angels coming as messengers from God to proclaim to this troubled and unhappy world God's first Christmas Gift to mankind, His only begotten Son.

A Babe! Yes, but that Babe in the manger was not just another babe. It was the divine child as God's gift to a troubled world, bearing the final and complete message of God's wondrous Love for all mankind. A message and gift in which God exhausted the vocabulary of His Divine Love. It was the last word He had to speak for the healing of a world bathed in woe.

The utmost that God could give to the world; and in that gift was wrapped up the pathway by which alone mankind can find the road that will lead to a just and lasting peace. Even now, Christ is our final and only hope for a better world. We see no real hope anywhere else.

The angel's message contained the promise to all mankind—"Peace on Earth among men of Good-will." And the Wise Men from the East came from afar off to worship at the feet of that young Child; born of the lowliest estate as the world counts its values, but of such high estate in God's judgment of values that ever since that day wise men and angels of every age have worshipped at His feet.

But, if they have not worshipped in vain, then why has God's promise of Peace on Earth found no fulfillment these 2,000 years since that message was first proclaimed at Bethlehem?

The answer is that man has never attempted to meet the conditions held forth in the Angel's song. And there's no other foundations upon which a real peace can be built. Where is

the "good-will among men" of the world today? Where has it been in history since Christ was born among the nations and races upon this earth? And why is it that in this year of our Lord 1943 so-called Christian nations are at war with other members of God's great human family? God says it is the lack of "good-will among men."

We must consider God's "why" of this war and not only man's "why" to find the answer. For in that answer lies the solution to the riddle of ever recurring wars which are not only a contradiction of our Christian Faith, but in their final analysis are an act of enmity against God—the Father of all Mankind, because it is a act of enmity against one section of God's great indivisible human family.

But why did not the Almighty God who sent angels to proclaim Peace on Earth carry out His purposes of peace? Does He not will peace now, or is He powerless to prevent war among nations?

The sad part is that the answer to this lies in the fact that God has at all times granted to man freedom of action and that man can, and does use that freedom to frustrate the purposes of God! It is really an act of arrogant rebellion against God's holy laws.

Man, in his own arrogant conceit and pride has rejected God's pathway to peace by way of mutual good-will and has substituted therefore his own way of hatred, might, destruction and the power of the sword. He has even had the audacity to call upon God to bless his instruments of murderous hate. And so we have once again set forth to find peace in our own, not God's way. Peace will not come, and will not be built upon the exercise of the utmost power of the conqueror's might.

The peace promised in the Christmas story can only come along the road so clearly stated by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount. Here God tells us that the only way to destroy an enemy is to extend our good-will even to our enemies until we have turned them into friends.

"Not practical", you say. Then we had better admit that perpetual wars are the only "practical way" of living together (dying together is the real truth). We had better cease doing homage to the Angel's first Christmas message, or cease to celebrate the birth of Him who is called "the Prince of Peace." And we had better make up our minds that the human race will destroy itself in its suicidal conflicts and that there is no salvation

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Christmas Message

— REV. M. J. FITZPATRICK —
Sacred Heart Parish

Again, as Christmas morning approaches, it is my privilege to wish readers of the Standard the fullest measure of graces and blessings that flow from the Manger of Bethlehem.

On such an occasion as this one feels that words are halting things. But if I could write with the pen of an Angel, what better could I wish you than that you always keep Christmas in your hearts! For if the Babe of Bethlehem holds you captive nothing else matters, even though the world totters in ruins.

For the fifth year in succession Christmas dawns upon a world plunged in fratricidal strife, deluged with blood and tears, and agitated with forebodings of terrible possibilities. Once again the Star of Bethlehem that heralded the arrival of the Prince of Peace, rises on a world strewn with wreckage and covered with ruins. The cadence of the Angelic Chorus is all but drowned out in the satanic disharmony of global war. The fulness of woe has fallen on the human race and evil has come to a full maturity. Failure is written in staring capitals upon humanity's idolatry of the secular and material. The children of men are reaping the terrible harvest of a blind and fatal forgetfulness of God.

As the bells peal this Christmas men are walking in darkness and the literal shadow of death. Is it that Bethlehem has no light to guide, no power to heal? Is it that Christianity has failed? If a patient refuses to take the prescribed cure, how can he blame the Doctor for his illness? And because the Physician was rejected men grope like bats in the blackout of great cities. The lights go out, because the Light of the World was ignored. The World is sick unto death because it has forgotten Bethlehem.

These are sombre thoughts. But nothing is ever gained by imitating the ostrich and shying away from facts. This broken world can be remade. All that is necessary is a new and universal pilgrimage to Bethlehem, for there the cure for all our troubles can be found. If the "brightness of God" is once again to shine upon the face of the earth and enlighten the blinded heart, all who believe that Christ was indeed the Son of God must become in reality His soldiers, so that their light can find the germs of earth's troubles.

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Peace On Earth — In Spite of War

— A. HUSTED-CHRISTENSEN —
Pastor Nazareth Lutheran Church
Standard, Alberta

Peace On Earth! Thank God! Also to us of our day comes again angelic song. Amid the roar of cannons and the crash of bombs, the noise of roaring planes and marching feet is heard that wonderful sweet message of old.

To many this will be a sad Christmas for many a home has been saddened by the loss of some dear one—killed, wounded, missing, or captured, and tears will dim many an eye as the Christmas candles are lit. But even to such comes the angelic message of peace and good will especially directed to the heart burdened with sadness and fear. For the Christmas message has a word of comfort and cheer to every soul, who is burdened with grief and sin, if the soul will accept that comfort. And surely our troubled times desperately need this comforting message. There are hearts burdened with cares, anxieties and grief; others have as their constant companions frustrated hopes, defeated plans; every heart knoweth its own sorrow. Still others are shackled by the sins of our day, selfishness, pride, dishonesty or lust.

From unnumbered hearts comes the cry: What is wrong with the world today? Why is there so little peace on earth, so little good will among men? It is so easy to find faults with others. God is blamed—not to mention Hitler (the latter certainly not without reason) and the Power Politics and Imperialistic Dreams of Nations etc. etc. Why, why, oh why shall all this unhappiness, all this misery and horrible heavily upon nations and individuals? Is there life but a tragedy and this earth a madhouse? Again I say, it is so easy to criticize and find fault with others and give ourselves over to dark despair, but we must look deeper than that.

Let us recall the words of James the Apostle—"From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? . . . ye kill and desire to have, and cannot obtain? Let us pause and ask if we are not somewhat to blame ourselves. Every sin, every injustice, every aggression, every hate is begot in the heart of the individual. We fear because conscience tells us we are not right with God and our neighbor. A restless conscience is a terrible taskmaster. And it is not a far step from fear to hate. I know that in my own heart I can find the germs of earth's troubles;

but I thank God that He sent His Son who is able to save us both from the consequences and the power of all that we know as sin. For where there is repentance and faith, we can experience the salvation God offers through Jesus Christ. As by God's grace we come to believe that, we do know our hearts can and shall taste the calm, the peace of fellowship with God. He has done all for us. As we with humble heart confess our sin and our need we shall find that there is salvation also for us. And as we are sufficiently humble to cast all our burdens upon Him, His Holy Spirit works in our hearts to bring us gradually to surrender our wills to Him.

As these are being written the news is being flashed over the radio that the three great allied leaders have met to decide on the issues of the war. As I heard the news I could but breathe out Grace Nowell Crowell's beautiful words in a silent prayer—

"God, God that our wise men tonight Would leave their empires and their thrones,

And follow one clear star across The desert land, the cobble stones, The frosted stubble, there to find Beneath that strange and dazzling glow,

The little Christ - Ah, should they kneel

Together there, I know, I know The old, old enmities would cease. There would be universal peace.

God, God, that presidents and kings Would take the same high, lighted road,

Joined in an earnest search for One Who came to share their heavy load The burdens that they bear would lift.

The travellers down sea and land Would reach across a manger bed To clasp each other by the hand. God, may the Mar of our day Find Thee up their common way."

The meeting of the allied leaders is of the greatest importance and may result in momentous decisions being made. But one thing is sure that no lasting good will come out of it, unless they permit themselves to be guided by the Bethlehem Star and learn to kneel together before the Manger Child of Bethlehem. Our only hope of a better world and lasting peace in the future lies in Him. In these days we especially need to see what God's plan is. His plan is to save the world. Even as the war bulletins are coming in, God is at work with His plans of peace. It is for us and the peoples of —Continued on page seven.

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CLUNY

—By A. E. C.—

We report with regret the death of one of Cluny's pioneer business men, Abram Weltry familiarly known as "Abe", who died suddenly at his home on Wednesday, Dec. 8th. Born in Ohio, he had lived in Cluny for about 30 years, where he operated the barber shop and Pool Room.

He is survived by his wife, Florence, two brother one in Portland and one in Florida and two sisters, Mrs. M. Fox and Mrs. C. Mulvaney, both of Battle Creek Michigan.

Gooder Brothers were in charge of funeral arrangements and burial was in Brunstad Cemetery on Monday. We extend our deepest sympathy.

The Study Group met on Friday evening at the Dormitory with a very small turn-out. But an interesting evening was spent. Mr. Lapp, district

agriculturalist, who was to address the meeting was unable to be present. We do wish the people of the Community would take more of an interest as these meetings are open to everyone. Come and find out how interesting they can be.

The Cluny W. I. held its annual meeting on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. P. Reis. A detailed account will be given next week.

Cluny High School are holding their Xmas Concert on Tuesday of this week Dec. 14th. The Public School will hold their Tuesday of next week.

There had been a flood and Farmer Brown had lost twelve small pigs and a cow in it. He was sitting very dejectedly on the steps when Farmer Jones came up and asked him how he made out in the flood.

"Not very good," he replied, "I lost twelve pigs and a cow. How about you?"

CHANCELLOR

—By Mrs. J. M. W.—

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Young, Mr. and Mrs. H. Chamney and Mrs. D. L. Tomlinson of Calgary were dinner guests of the Wheatley's on Monday evening.

Mrs. E. Hobbs, Granny and Bob attended the wedding ceremony of Henry Epp at Rosemary this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Chamney entertained a large number of guests to a turkey dinner on Sunday. During the evening Mr. Wheatley presented them with a beautiful silver well and tree platter also a dozen dessert forks a further gift of the community for their silver wedding. Both Edith and Harry thanked their many friends for the lovely gifts. Later in the evening cards were played, and one Mr. Culbertson Macadam of Standard, who is really supposed to be a real bridge player, got the wonderful score of no points all evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. J. M. Wheatley and Mrs. C. P. Dahl.

ROCKYFORD

By K. M. G.

The recent outbreak of Influenza in this district is gradually disappearing and most of the patients are out and about again. Mr. W. W. Clemons was in the Calgary hospital for a week, but was able to leave on Sunday last. Buster Kennedy, who was also there was expected out this week. We wish them a speedy recovery.

The Rockyford Red Cross Society sponsored a Rummage Sale at the Hall on Saturday, December 11th. It is a new project in this district and was not given as much attention as was hoped for, but as these sales become better known they will be very popular. The returns of this small sale were very gratifying to the organization.

Miss Wilma Liggett of Gleichen Bank Staff is at present in Rockyford Bank, relieving for Iva Stinn who is on her holidays.

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The K. P. weekly card party held on Dec. 8th, was a decided success, there being sixteen tables in play and many others coming in later for lunch and dancing. Mrs. C. Melton, Mr. A. Melton, Mrs. Oxford and Mr. D. Siendens were the prize winner. Pappy's Orchestra played for the dancing. The K. P.'s are looking forward with pleasant anticipation towards the arrival in the near future of material to complete the interior finishing of their Hall. It has been on order for a considerable time, but is due to arrive within the next ten days. A gala party in the K. P. Hall has been planned for Dec. 29th, when it is hoped many of the boys and girls in the Services will be home on leave and able to attend.

There was a large attendance at the Dorcas Club Auction Sale in the basement of the church last Friday evening. Many fine pieces of handwork were auctioned off and brought good prices. Mr. J. P. Nelson was the fortunate winner of the chenille bedspread and Mr. Jim Smith took home the beautiful chertfield set. Coffee was served and altogether the girls cleared approximately \$115 for their splendid efforts.

The Young People's Society held a

"You got off lucky," said Jones, "I lost all my chickens, nine pigs and a stack of hay; Farmer Green lost all his hay and old Bell a granary of wheat." Farmer Brown smiled a little, got up and walked away with, "Hm, 'tain't as bad as I thought."

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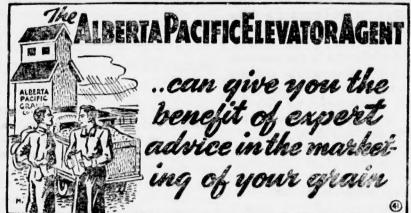
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unique party on Sunday evening. They met at the Church and then proceeded on foot to several homes to enjoy one course of what resulted in a splendid supper. Tomato juice and crackers were served at the home of Miss Leda Jensen, generous servings of soup at Mrs. Axel Larsen's. Then, at Miss Edith Madsen's home, inroads were made on huge piles of hot dogs and pop. After a walk out to Miss Una Myrhus they had Danish Apple Cake and they finished off their "Galloping Supper" at Rev. and Mrs. A. Husted-Christensen's home where they were served doughnuts, cookies and coffee. From all accounts the "Hikee Eatée", as the party was nicknamed, was great fun and we hear that there were some party goers who regretted not having a larger capacity so that more of the good things offered might have been consumed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Macadam and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dahl were guests at a large dinner party at Mr. and Mrs. H. Chamney's home at Chancellor on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Knowlton, Gwyn and Gerry were visitors in Calgary over the week-end.

The nights of Pythias held their Annual Dinner and Past Chancellor's night in their hall on Monday, Dec. 13. At the Annual election of Officers in the Standard Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the following officers were elected and appointed to serve during the ensuing year. Worthy Matron, Mrs. Tena Wagner; Worthy Patron, Mr. J. M. Wheatley; Associate Matron, Mrs. Emmy Hansen; Associate Patron, Mr. F. D. Knowlton; Conductress, Mrs. M. Wheatley; Associate Conductress, Mrs. F. Knowlton; Secretary, Mrs. F. Wirt; Treasurer, Mrs. Nina Kimmitt; Chaplain, Mrs. B. Hyman; Marshall, Mrs. E. Chamney; Organist, Mrs. Z. Fenske; Adah, Mrs. M. Nelson; Ruth, Mrs. Zola Kimmitt; Esther, Mrs. N. Lawson; Martha, Mrs. Mae Dahl; Electa, Mrs. Edna Hobbs; Warder, Mrs. Hilda Hansen; Sentinel, Mr. C. P. Dahl. These officers are to be installed on Friday evening, Dec. 17 when friends of the members are invited to attend.

The United Church Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. J. L. Foss last Friday afternoon when Christmas gifts were exchanged among the "Sun-

shine Friends" of the Aid. A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed.

Continued fine weather has made it possible for many Standard folks to jaunt into the city for Christmas shopping, though we hear rumors of many disappointments. Shopping these days is not like pre-war shopping sprees when one could always see more ways of spending money than our pocket books would allow. Many Christmas shoppers are finding the solution to the Christmas shopping problem in buying War Stamps and Certificates.

AUCTION SALE

Having received instructions from the Executors of the ESTATE OF THE LATE W. V. KEMPT of Rosebud Alta., I will sell by Public Auction at the Farm, situated—S. W. QUARTER 14-27-21 W. of the 4th BEING 4 MILES EAST OF ROSEBUD & HALF-MILE NORTH, ON

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Local meetings have been and are being held at ten points in the C. P. R. Western Section this week. It has been definitely established that the Company is to abandon its Western Irrigation System. The Committee organized by the water users in that system, are holding these meetings with a view of inaugurating co-operative water users district similar to the E. I. D. at Brooks, and are being assisted by J. E. Brownlee K. C., with Mr. P. M. Sauder, Provincial Director of Water Resources, as technical advisor. Terms upon which the system is available from the Company and the organization of a co-operative district are being explained together with additional facts relative to the operation of a cooperative district. The Committee have our thanks for bringing the terms with the Company to such a successful conclusion. The spadework has begun for the sign-up of a petition to the Minister in charge of the Water Resources of the Province to set up a co-operative irrigation district. This entails work, thought and vision of all concerned. Limited support means no irrigation system. Mark well these facts—

Remember—This district is definitely in the Palliser Semi-Arid Area and that the drought is increasing in area with each cycle.

That 880 Townships in Western Canada received farm Assistance in 1942.

That U. S. A. Experts predict that Dust Bowl Conditions will prevail in 1944.

We are not alarmists' nevertheless dry cycles are inevitable. Facts speak louder than words. Be prepared to meet these by having your own irrigation. The boys — your boys — are fighting overseas to preserve our freedom. When they return they want to come to homes and farms that are attractive, not dried out wastes. Give them a fair break, and vote or irrigation to be continued.

New conditions prevail. New crops will be grown but only with irrigation. The cash receipts for grain in Alberta in 1942 was \$58, 389, 000.00 and for live stock, poultry, dairy products and other small products \$114, 077, 000.00. Wheat growing means one family on large tracts of land an economic question in itself for the governments for your children and for the wheat farmers themselves, during our

TUDOR

—By S. H.—

Dale Bauman is home from Olds Agricultural School on account of so much sickness in the school.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe McBeth on the arrival of a baby boy, born Dec. 7th. in Calgary.

There will be a Christmas concert in the Tudor School on Dec. 23rd. starting at 2 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stangier were called home from Oregon owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Englund Sr. At time of writing, Mrs. Englund is slowly improving.

Mr. Bill Clemons, who has been ill in the Hospital with an attack of pleurisy, was able to be back in his hotel room on Saturday.

Mrs. Herbert Ruppe and daughter, Mrs. Charles Drury of Vancouver, are expected to return to Mrs. Ruppe's home this week.

drought cycles.

Support your committee and secure for yourselves the maximum acreage of irrigation for your future needs.

Sufficient acreage is required to make the co-operative district so proposed, successful and to enable it through your trustees to operate at a maximum charge of irrigation of \$1.00 per acre. Neither can your trustees increase irrigation rights after the works have been reorganized, as the system will have been cut down to allow it to be operated economically. See that the context maintains irrigation, elect your trustees and keep irrigation.

Berta Vale — Serviceberry Women's Institute

The Annual Meeting of the Berta Vale-Serviceberry W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Morton on Dec. 9th. Letters were read from Mrs. Thurston and Don Sarsons, and acknowledgments of donations were received from the Salvation Army and the Junior Red Cross Crippled Children's Hospital. Money was given out for cigarettes to be sent overseas.

Following the Annual Reports of the president, treasurer and secretary the election of officers for the coming year was held. Miss Nettie Taylor was welcomed as a new member. An exchange of Christmas gifts was made at the close of the meeting, and a delicious lunch served to sixteen members and one visitor.

Following is a list of the new officers for 1944—

President—Mrs. F. Hilton.
1st. Vice—To be elected.
2nd. Vice—Mrs. Bazant.
Treasurer—Mrs. Morton.
Secretary—Mrs. Brook.
Auditors—Mrs. T. Taylor and Mrs. C. Way.
Directors—Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. L. Hilton and Mrs. H. Backs.

Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. L. Hilton on Jan 5th, 1944. Roll call will be "Suggestions for Roll Call for the coming year."

NATURE'S MARVELLOUS WONDERLAND

Cold of soul would one be who would not thrill at the magnificent skies which have been painted by the Master Artist, during the past several weeks in Alberta.

Sunrise and Sunsets have been so gorgeously beautiful mere words fail to describe.

This is nature in her kindly mood. There are times and places whereof a different story could be told and our sympathy extends to those at present living in the cold and wind swept islands of which we read. However, while we may, we will stand and gaze and rejoice in these magnificent revelations of nature at her best.

LOCAL LIONS JOIN CALGARY AT BANQUET

Local Lions comprised President and Mrs. A. D. Shrimpton, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Giffen, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Palardy, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Riedon, W. Mercer, Doug Shrimpton, and Secretary Bill Springthorpe, enjoyed an exceedingly happy evening when they accepted the invitation of the Calgary Lions to a Banquet in the Palliser, followed by a very enjoyable program. It proved an exceptionally happy evening.

Christmas Message

— RT. REV. H. R. RAGG M. A. D. D. —
Bishop of Calgary

It gives me a good deal of pleasure in the absence of a resident Anglican Clergyman in Strathmore, to send a brief message to the readers of the Strathmore Standard.

It seems to me that in these days of war and suffering there is a danger of missing the true meaning of Christmas; it is the Feast of the Incarnation, when we are reminded that "God so loved the world that He gave . . .". He gave Himself in the Incarnation in the great act of taking upon Himself human flesh, and in human form revealing to man the character of God, which is Love. It was Christmas and the Incarnation which made possible the Atonement, when God again manifested His love for His creatures on Calvary - these two great facts are inseparably linked together and are parts of one great whole.

Let us find room in our celebration of Christmas to remember this spiritual side of the Festival, which after all is the one and only reason why there is a Christmas!

So I would wish to all who read these words a very happy Christmas, with the earnest hope that God will grant His Peace on Earth before Christmas dawns twelve months hence



By
Dr. K. W. Neatby
Director, Agricultural Department
North-West Live Elevators Association

SEED SUPPLIES

Available stocks of seed oats and barley will probably disappear rapidly this winter. There is an acute shortage in eastern Canada; and in large sections of Alberta and northwestern Saskatchewan, frost damage has been serious.

We have completed germination tests on 407 samples of oats. Of these, 142 (34.9%) germinated 60% or less, 52 samples (12.8%) germinated 50% or less.

When To Get New Seed

If one's own seed is low in percentage and vigor of germination. If it is not the best variety for the particular district. If it is mixed with seed of other varieties. Or, if it has been badly damaged in threshing.

A good uniform stand can only be obtained with good seed. A poor or patchy stand is a cordial invitation to weeds.

How To Get It

Simply call at a country elevator in which the agent is an authorized distributor of seed for your own Provincial Crop Improvement Association. He has not only seed order forms; but, also information on officially recommended varieties. The Crop Improvement Associations are sponsored by Dominion and Provincial Governments, Universities, Seed Growers' Associations and Elevator Companies.

What To Get

It is usually an extravagance to buy registered seed for the entire farm. Buy enough for a seed plot, the crop from which will sow the whole crop the following year. If it is necessary to replace all seed of one or more crops, it is usually wise to buy certified seed, which is cheaper, for the main crop, plus enough registered for a seed plot.



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Strathmore Cadets Guests of Legion at Banquet

The Memorial Hall last Tuesday evening was the scene of a full dress parade of the Strathmore Public School Cadets. Captain Keer of the M. D. 13 made the inspection and complimented the cadets on their fine showing.

On dismissal, the cadets with their fathers, were the guests of the Legion members at a dinner at which over 80 attended in the dining room. An excellent repast was provided by Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Hansen with members of the entertainment committee acting as waiters.

The Chairman, President C. E. Way welcoming the guests, stated that this Branch of the Legion were the sponsors of the present cadet movement, and that it was thought that it would be a good idea to have this event to enable the "old soldiers" and the boys in uniform to become better acquainted with one another.

Lt. W. I. MacKenzie, who had been very active in the cadets before going on active service gave a brief and interesting account of the early formation and handicaps they had experienced. It is hard to realize that only a few years ago those who were cadets then, are now overseas taking part in a real fight. Then it was a task to secure uniforms; it was a great pleasure to him to see them so well outfitted, the shoulder flashes being most striking.

Lt. Jack Crellin, officer in command gave credit to those who had gone before him and had accomplished so much to make this assembly possible. They had now enough numbers to form a platoon, and the officer, N. C. O.'s and marksmen were introduced.

The record of the latter is excellent being at the top in district 13.

Lt. Frank Van Tighem, replying for the cadets, thanked the Legion for the assistance given in making it possible to secure their uniforms; they in return would endeavour to live up to what was expected of them.

Captain Keer stated that his main interest would be the cadets in country points and in a year from now he looked forward to a great improvement, for he would put his best effort in that direction. The Legion, he said was the organization that should do all in its power to help such a movement. Personally he thought the big difference between the present day soldier and that of the last war was the lack of discipline. Had the cadet movement been given the support it had deserved this contrast he thought would not have occurred, and in proof he found a great difference in the men who had, and had not, some previous military training among those who joined for the present conflict. If the cadets would bear in mind that the uniform they were wearing was the dress of a gentleman and lived up to that ideal they would be good citizens, for the cadet corps was not to make soldiers, but young men who would be useful to society, trained to appreciate free freedom and liberty.

Among those on active service who were called upon to give a few words were—Ft. Sgt. Fred Hirtle, who said he was honour bound not to discuss the work he was doing but he could say that he would soon be on his way overseas to continue it and he was very happy indeed to be present.

Sgt. Frank Biskac, just down on leave from Biscra, advised all who had the cash to take a holiday, not to go in that direction. It was just too bad here were no Japs when they got there.

It would not be long before they would see them and then look out. His previous training in the Reserve Army was, he found, of great benefit, and he was sure glad to be able to attend and meet the boys again.

Following the address, a showing was made in the main hall of the British picture "Next of Kin". This film graphically depicts the danger of careless talk of troop movements, how casual remarks dropped, endanger the lives of our fighting men. The climax of the picture the commando raid on a submarine base on the coast of France was thrilling and one of the finest battle scenes so far screened. W. O. Nixon again was responsible for the showing.

Out of town guests were—F. D. Knowlton of Standard, G. H. Griffiths and D. S. Brook of Ardernode and A. C. Gillings, Nightingale.

NAMAKA

By M. W.

The December meeting of the Ladies Aid was held at Mrs. James McBean's home Thursday the 11th. After the usual business, the officers for next year were elected. President, Mrs. H. E. Thomson; 1st. Vice, Mrs. Watts; 2nd. Vice, Mrs. McLean; Secretary, Mrs. Otto Wheeler; Treasurer, Mrs. Loy Wheeler; Sick Committee, Mrs. L. R. Aitkens and Mrs. Watts. It was decided to add \$9.25 to the quilt money to be turned over the Church Improvement Fund, making the total \$25.00. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Aitkens Jan 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. William Watson of Watts, Alberta visited relatives and friends over last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Verdon Watson are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter on Sunday, Dec. 12th, in the Holy Cross Hospital Calgary.

Congratulations go from Namaka friends to Mr. and Mrs. Don Roland of Carlsland on the birth of a son at the Grace Hospital, Calgary.

Bobby Watts was home on a week-end leave from No. 10 R. D. Calgary.

John Timchuck was called to Edmonton by the serious illness of his wife.

We are very glad to report Mrs. Loy Wheeler is making a very good recovery from her recent operation. We hope she will be able to come home in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Mackie spent a couple of days in Calgary this week.

The Christmas Tree and Concert will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd. All those donating to the Christmas Fund will be given the Christmas Copy of the school paper.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Toews have returned from their trip to ntarlo and report having a very good time.

The Red Cross Society sent 10 knitted articles to headquarters for November, 5 turtle neck sweaters and five V neck Sweaters. The next meeting will be Jan 13th, at Mrs. Watt's.

Word has been received from Norman Ellis from Gibraltar.

Mrs. F. L. Aitkens is visiting with her father, Mr. W. Cote of Carlsland. Mrs. L. R. Aitkens is spending a few days in Calgary with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Anderson.

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THE OTTAWA SPOTLIGHT

Weekly Review of National Affairs
By M. McDOUGALL

OTTAWA—If a spectator were asked what were his main impressions of the Dominion-Provincial agricultural conference held here last week he would likely say the sincerity and straight forward speech of the delegates and their manifest desire to work in the closest co-operation with each other and to ensure agriculture making its fullest possible contribution to the successful prosecution of the war. Proceedings of co-ferences of this kind undoubtedly give the authentic voice of agriculture as truly as any single group of men can express the feelings, aspirations and criticism of so vast a number of people spread far and wide throughout the nine provinces.

Will Maintain Bacon Ration—

Mr. Gardiner, minister of agriculture urged Canadian farmers "to put forth every possible effort" to give the British people 600,000, 000 pounds of bacon in 1944 and thus maintain the British ration of 4 ounces of bacon per

person per week. Mr. John J. Llewellyn, the new minister of food in Britain who visited the conference made an urgent plea to the delegates to "make a real drive" to keep the British citizen's ration to its present level. The 4 ounces, he said "just covers our essential needs." If the Canadian farmer supplied no more than the contract figure of 450 million pounds, the ration might have to be reduced to 3 ounces. The appeal found a ready response from Dominion and Provincial delegates and those representing farming organizations.

Canada's Great Agricultural Contribution—

The British visitors, Col. Llewellyn and his assistant, had asked him, Mr. Gardiner told the conference, to express to the Canadian farmers, the deep appreciation of the British people for their "miraculous provision of food" to Britain in its hour of greatest need and throughout the course of the war. The main tasks in feeding Britain are in supplying wheat and four, cheese and bacon and hams.

Asked More Cheese Production—

The minister of agriculture emphasized that in supplying cheese to Britain the Canadian Farmer was not only giving the British people an essential food but also was working in the interest of the dairying industry. He urged that "all surplus milk possible over and above Canadian requirements for whole milk and butter should be turned into cheese." "Dean" Shaw, in reviewing the decisions of the conference, said the department was concerned over the decline in the production of cheese. The most earnest thought would have to be given to the maintenance of cheese production. Inducements now being given either in their present or altered form would have to continue for the duration of the war.

Wheat Surplus—

Long Term Bacon Contract Sought—
Mr. Gardiner assured the delegates that the government would endeavor to secure a longer term contract for bacon than the present two year contract that there might be any contract with Britain. This will remove demand drop in exports. He further recommended the conference that it is the settled policy to provide a floor on farm products to ensure agriculture.

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Christmas 1943 And After

— REV. WALTER E. SIEBER —
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for us.

Man has always deluded himself in to thinking that his duty to God is fulfilled in an occasional act of worship from which he is free to return and do exactly what he did before. Even as the Wise men and shepherds returned to their old haunts and former ways, believing his "duty is done". To let the quest for peace end with the mere act of worship might b to make that act of worship sterile, and to delude ourselves. There is no other alternative.

Do we not all commit the fault of the shepherds and Wise Men? We worship occasionally and then turn our backs upon God's word revealed to us in that act of worship and go back into our old ways as though God had never spoken to us and we utterly disregard God's established law of human relationships. And then we chafe at the consequences that must result from this disobedience! God also demands "unconditional surrender" from us. We must surrender ourselves completely to co-operate with Him in His Holy Will.

If we really want to build a post-war world; one in which we can find a lasting peace, we shall first of all have to storm the strongholds of man's own evil passions of selfishness, greed for gain, lust for power and to force the gateways of Peace by the might of God-like good-will.

To return from worship without making some divin ad usments in our lives is not to catch the vision and purposes of Christmas. To limit our exuberant good-will at Christmas to merely giving a few gifts, oftentimes more gaudy than useful, we obey only a very small part of God's law of Good which must extend to "all men".

What would the exercise of a genuine Christian good-will on the part of Canada with her over-flowing granaries mean to the starving millions of India, if we practised it seriously, this Christmas 1943? And what will it mean in the future relationships of India to the other members of the Empire if we don't?

What would real Christian good-will mean to the future generations of starving Europe, with so many of her children bearing marks of malformation due to lack of food of which we have superabundance in Canada? What can the psychological result be within the soul of these growing children if we don't practise good-will now?

These are not only questions that relate the Christmas spirit to the Post-war world! There are many others. How about the practising of a genuine Christian good-will toward the men who are fighting our battles? What are we preparing for them and their families when they return to take up life among us again? What are we doing to see that they shall be fairly and generously dealt with? How about those servicemen's wives who will be left widows due to the casualties of war? Those orphaned children that war has robbed of a father and a breadwinner? Must not the fullest measure of Christian, — genuinely Christian — good-will be brought to bear upon all these human problems at home and abroad if we are to have a new world that is also a better world. Or are we going to be satisfied with a world that is only new in the rebuilding of the old structures that have been destroyed by the war; new ones that shall serve the same old purposes of our "isolationist" attitude of good-

Peace On Earth— In Spite of War

— A. HUSTED CHRISTENSEN —
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the world to get into His plans. Just as we say in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy will be done in heaven," so we must place ourselves at God's disposal that His will be done on earth.

Christmas reveals to us God's intentions with the world, and these intentions are centered in His Son, the Prince of Peace. This may sound strange today. Yet this is God's plan. This infant came to bring righteousness and justice and peace, God's righteousness, God's justice, God's peace. Jesus has never promised that we should escape the pangs and travail of this life. But He has definitely given us the assurance that through Him and with Him we too shall overcome, even as He overcame. Even if we cannot fully experience the sublime peaks and experience that glorious victory which was Paul's, we, too, shall find rest for our souls. And — somehow, I firmly believe that out of all the cruel and horrible we shall still see that God "rides upon the storm and plants His footsteps on the sea." — "Be of good cheer," said Jesus, "for I have overcome the world." He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Even if heaven and earth pass away his word cannot be broken! And in His word there is comfort and peace for every earnest seeker. So if your heart is sad, if you carry a burden of sin, if you have no peace, and if you have only the joys that the world can bring, follow the guiding star to the Manger Child. At Bethlehem the door of heaven is opened, and as you kneel at the manger God declares — "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you." And having heard that, you will know that He loves you and wants you to always be His child, and your heart will be filled with peace, true peace. — Christmas Peace.

will — selfishness, greed and lust for power over the lives of others. All these evil passions must first be swallowed up in the good-will spirit of Christmas practised towards every living creature throughout the world and for the whole 365 days of every year if we are ever to have "Peace on Earth." Governments cannot lay a new world at our doorsteps, and God will not drop it into our laps while we sit gazing up into heaven, waiting and longing for it. We must co-operate with God and the government in the spirit of His Son and work diligently to fashion this new world all around us.

We must begin to substitute the sacred ties of brotherhood for the brutal institutions founded upon selfishness, greed and unbelief. Only then shall we again hear the angels' song within our own hearts — "Peace on Earth; good-will among men."

May I express this Christmas wish to my many friends and readers alike in the thought that on this Christmas day you may find not only the merriest of the Season, but that you may find that deep, inner joy as the Infant Christ is born within your own hearts. As Paul said — (Gal 4:19) "Till Christ be formed in you" and that in the coming days we may find that new world of God's world, for which we all pray, and that we, together (Ephesians 4:15) "may grow up into Him in all things which is the head, even Christ." May God grant you that richest of all boons this happy Christmastide.

Christmas Message

REV. M. J. FITZPATRICK
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ing faith may pierce the darkness born of the world's unbelief.

When we think of Bethlehem we are overwhelmed at the thought of God's great love for us. We are at a loss to find what it is God sees in us that He should exchange His Throne in Heaven for a sordid manger in a bleak stable. It can be best expressed in Scriptural words — "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

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REV. A. TITREAU, O. M. I. P. P.

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—William Rose Benet in
 Saturday Review of Literature,
 October 16th, 1943.

CHRISTMAS — 1943

NEXT week we celebrate the greatest event in the history of mankind — the Birth of Jesus — the Saviour of the World.

True it would seem at present that we have gone far from the world for which Christ gave His life. Christ passed through Gethsemane, but rose triumphant. So we believe will the world rise out of this Gethsemane of suffering, destruction and death to arrive at the establishing of Christ's Kingdom here on earth.

But God works through human agencies, and everyone must do his or her part to help form that world. Everyone — You and I — must work with the same unwavering urgency, that the men in uniform have given to their post, regardless of danger or physical discomfort. It is a big task that awaits us and requires an unwavering determination on the part of all to consummate a world wherein Peace, Righteousness and Justice will be established and Christ's Mission to

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— T. M. WEARS —
 Barrister — Strathmore

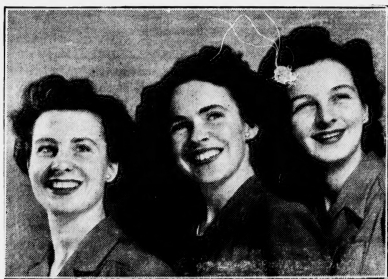
Two short years ago in a Christmas message I wrote that 1941 saw millions slaughtered and the teachings of Jesus Christ set at naught. Since then there has been no lessening in the slaughter, and there is none in sight. Does it seem that Christ's teachings are never to be carried into effect? His command to love our enemies, given one thousand nine hundred and forty-three years ago, is what human nature and reason cannot do. A noted English Cline said during World War I that he could not love his enemies, the Germans, and does that not fit in with a Christian life? For how could we love the Germans and the Japs after their brutalities, and if we did would it not show us up to them as pitiful?

Burns had hope when he wrote: "It's coming yet, for a' that, That man to man the world o'er Shall brothers be for a' that." One leaves the subject with a feeling of black despair and wonders will it ever come?

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 Willie—Yes, Auntie.
 Auntie—Why don't you play with good little boys?
 Willie—Their mothers won't let me.

earth be fulfilled.

Let us even now, discard any defeatist attitude, and help in the great Crusade.



THE THREE DESS

Grace McMurray, Janet MacPherson and Doris Marsh (left to right) are heard each Thursday on the CBC National Network program "Bon-jour with Rhythm" broadcast at 6:40 p.m. All Maritimers, brunette and pretty,

the girls devote a good deal of their spare time to visiting training camps and hospitals to sing in their own imitative manner the boys' favourite songs. Grace is married to a Navy man; Janet is a typist, and Doris a secretary in private life.

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Joseph and Mary, seeking in their faithfulness to each other, to find the love of God, found a greater treasure than they had hoped.

In the natural ways of human family life God revealed his creative love to the seekers and gave, in Jesus, counsel and example that love could create all human relationships.

Our family joys need to be properly related to the Gift and gifts of the God of creative love.

In the family we may learn hope and experience that love will recreate for all seekers all human relationships.

BOOK
REVIEW

THE VALLEY OF DECISION

By Marcia Davenport, Saunders Pub. Co. Toronto — \$3.50

The Valley Of Decision is a novel in size and manner reminiscent of the Victorian era of writing. It is recommended for winter evenings when darkness comes early and the family settle down for an evening at home. Gas rationing and curtailment of outside amusement may make "The Valley Of Decision" a forerunner of the novel in the grand manner.

This is the story of the Scott family but it is also the history of The Steel Industry in the United States. It is a pattern which stretches to England and Europe. The joining threads, "the hunkies" the Czech Liska family who worked in the Scott mill, and the marriage of Constance Scott. Constance married the Honorable Giles Mortimer Stephen Henry Whitfield-Moulton, later the Earl of Melling and went to live in London. In May, 1937, Claire Gregory, granddaughter of Constance married Anton, son of Charlie and Julka Liska, but by then the dreadful tones of Nazi aggression were sounding above Anton's first symphony played in Prague.

All these threads, however, the lives of William Scott and his wife Clarissa their children, William, Paul Elizabeth Edgar, Constance and their children, in turn, with the saga of Julka Liska, are gathered around one central character — that of Mary Rafferty. Mary, the little Irish maid from "the flats", came to serve in the Scott house as "tween-maid" on Friday, September 19th, 1872. From the first paragraph to the last she holds the lead in the book. Mary, the Scotts and the mill were inseparably bound.

Years later Edar Scott, by a strange set of circumstances, now a lay brother of a monastery in Rome, gave to Mary her rightful place in the family picture. Mary had come to beg him to help save the mill for Paul. Paul out of his love for Mary and the suffering it had brought them both, knew what had moved her to her decision. "I do not believe that we were such a family as she thought," he said. "We

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— Reviewed by Lettie Ann Hill

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1937, are requested to file with the un-
dersigned Solicitor for the Administrator
of the Estate, by the 1st. February
1944, a full statement, duly verified of
their claims and any securities held
by them and that after that date the
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sets of the deceased among the parties
entitled thereto, having regard only to
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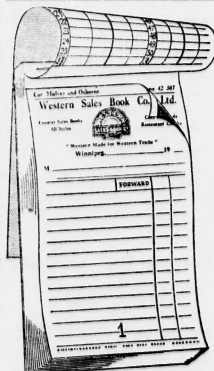


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"Is The Universe, Including Man
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ject of the Lesson Sermon at all
Christian Science Churches on Sunday.
The Golden Text is Hebrews 11:3.
One of the Scriptural citations is "Hea-
ven and earth shall pass away, but my
words shall not pass away" (Matthew
24: 25). One of correlative passages
from "Science and Health with Key to
the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy
is "The physical universe expresses
the conscious and the unconscious
thoughts of Mortals. Physical force
and mortal mind are one . . . Science
must triumph over material sense, and
Truth over error, thus putting an end
to the hypothesis involved in all false
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ring,
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It teaches silent lips a song to sing;
It brings the eager child a longed-for
toy.

The Christmas Spirit! 'Tis a lovely
thing.

It lights dull eyes, illumines the sombre
face;
How many wand'ers does it home-
ward bring?

How many fancied wrongs fore'er
erase?

The Christmas Spirit! 'Tis an holy
thing

The Blessed Babe is in our midst
today.

The gifts we give, the praises that we
sing,
Not half our adoration can convey!

SCOUT NOTES

Canada's Wolf Cubs, the Junior Boy
Scouts, earned 13,363 Proficiency
Badges last year.

Nearly 1,400 Canadian Boy Scouts
earned their Ambulance Badge, equiva-
lent to the St. John's Ambulance
Badge, in 1942.

Lord Peter Baden-Powell, only son
of the Founder of the Boy Scouts, is a
Cubmaster in Africa.

Is Named Commissioner—

The Chief Scout for Canada, the
Earl of Athlone has named E. H. M.
Knowles of Regina as the New Pro-
vincial Commissioner for Saskatche-
wan.

Scout Spirit Survives—

That the spirit of the Boy Scout
Movement cannot be suppressed is
shown by the fact that in many liber-
al towns in North Africa the Scout
Flag was the first to be flown. One of
the first requests made to allied lead-
ers after the conquest of Tunisia was
for 15,000 Scout Badges.

The Only One To Help—

While a crowd of people stood by,
unable to do anything, a sixteen year
old boy drowned at Avon Beach, Eng-
land. The only person to attempt a
rescue was 15 year old Patrol Leader
Donald Strange of the 3rd. Perivale
Troop. He dived several times but
was unable to locate the lad. He has
been awarded the Certificate of Merit
by Lord Somers, Chief Scout.

Chief Scout's Message—

The Chief Scout for Canada, His
Excellency the Governor-General has
sent the following Christmas message
to the Boy Scouts of Canada. "Cordial
greetings and good wishes to all my
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remember in their thoughts and pray-
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THE 'OUT-SIDE'

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Farmers who will require seed oats for next spring should make their requirements known immediately. Relatively few districts produced oats free from frost damage this year. The provincial field crops branch, through co-operation of the various elevator companies, is now conducting a survey on the amount and kind of seed that will have to be shipped in for spring planting. Those farmers in the frost areas who cannot obtain seed locally should inform their elevator agent. The provincial department of agriculture will take the necessary steps to make seed available where carload lots are required at any point.

● Add to Number of Pool Elevators—

During the past year 14 elevators were purchased by the Alberta Wheat Pool at the following points: Atcheson, Altce, Blindloss, Buffalo, Empress, Idlesleigh, Jenner, Little Gem, Menak, Morningside, New Briden, Sedalia, Throne and Veldt. This brings the total number up to 436. The total capacity of Alberta Pool's country terminal elevators is 40,613, 750 bushels.

● Twelve Things to Remember—

1. The value of time.
2. The success of perseverance.
3. The pleasure of working.
4. The dignity of simplicity.
5. The worth of character.
6. The power of kindness.
7. The influence of example.
8. The obligation of duty.
9. The wisdom of economy.
10. The virtue of patience.
11. The importance of talent.
12. The joy of originating.

— Marshall Field.

● India has been offered full self-government after the war. No reservation was made by the British Government as to India remaining a member of the British Commonwealth.

● There are about twenty-four different languages — as many as the main languages of Europe — each spoken by a million or more persons in India. The only language common to educated Indians is English.

● India has the largest irrigation system in the world, on which Government has spent over \$400,000,000. The area under irrigation in British India alone (excluding the Indian States) is 55,700,000 acres — over twenty-two times the acreage irrigated under United States Federal projects.

● The Royal Indian Navy consisted of only ten or twelve small ships, at the outbreak of the war, chiefly used for patrolling her long coast line. Now corvettes, minesweepers and sloops have been added and the sea-going personnel has increased by over 600%.

● India is manufacturing cloth and making uniforms at the rate of 5,000,000 a year in addition to filling the army blanket requirements for the entire Middle East.

● New industries are being developed in India. Machine tools, formerly imported, are now being made by over fifty firms. A heavy chemical industry is being developed and India now makes 60% of her medical supplies.

● America's war industries depend upon India for manganese for making steel, mica in the electrical industry, jute and burlap. India's exports to the United States are now almost 100 per cent greater than the average for the years 1935-1938.

Christmas Message

— REV. J. O. KILLEN —
St. Rita's Church, Rockyford

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good-will" sang the Angelic Choir when the Saviour was born in Bethlehem over 1900 years ago.

From this message we glean that peace is not only conditioned on good-will but also on all people giving "Glory to God in the highest!" Although practically every nation in the world is now involved in the most frightful and gruesome war of history and prayers are being offered for the restoration of peace to a war-weary world, yet, never since the coming of Christ into the world, was "God in the highest" so little glorified by many Nations which call themselves Christian.

Various churches have called their people to prayer; the rulers of some nations have commended this action; but have any of our rulers called upon the citizenry to glorify God by reforming their lives?

Did not the Prince of Peace declare His mind emphatically when he said, "If any man loveth Me, he will keep My Commandments."

We often wonder why God does not answer our prayers and restore peace to the world. Can we expect peace in a world where rulers of many nations are constantly waging a campaign against the Supreme Ruler?

Can we expect peace in nations where the teachers of college students are assailing the very fortresses of faith? We must turn to God first, and then He will turn to us.

In a few days we will be celebrating the feast of Christmas. To many it seems a myriad of Christmas cards, decorated trees and gaily wrapped gifts. But this great feast-day is more than a change of cordial greetings, more than an occasion for the family to gather under the parental roof. Christmas is the day that the Prince of Peace, of Justice and of Love came into the world. It is first a Holy day and then a holiday.

The Israelites were disappointed in the Saviour. They longed for One who would exalt their nation, bring material prosperity and subdue their national enemies. But they were disappointed and although Christ was one of their own according to the flesh, they refused to receive Him. "He came unto His own and His own received Him not."

Christ came into the world 1900 years ago to spiritualize it, to elevate its inhabitants to the dignity of children of God and to lead them to the promised land of everlasting bliss, but He was not accepted. Today, through out the world He is still repudiated by many so-called Christians — men who are not men of good-will. Let our prayer during this season of good-will be that the hearts of individuals will be reformed for on the reformation of the individual, depends the reformation of the world. If peace reigns in the individual heart then there is hope for peace between man and man, between nation and nation. Good-will towards men will be realized if there be good-will towards God.

May the peace of Christ possess your hearts during this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

— Rev. J. O. Killen.



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CHRISTMAS — Birth of The Prince of Peace

Religion Has Prophecy of End of Wars
— by Most Rev. J. C. McGuigan —
Archbishop of Toronto

There have been reports during this war, as during the last World War, of unofficial armistices made between the front line troops on Christmas day. Men who have heard from their childhood the story of the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem cannot but feel the incongruity of human slaughter on this sacred day.

There is no story in all literature that has so stirred man's imagination as that which the Gospel tells of the shepherds on the night watch over their flocks, suddenly seeing an angel stand before them, and the brightness of God shine around them, and hearing the words — "I bring you tidings of great joy. This day is born to you a Saviour." And then there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army singing "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will."

Prophecies take time for fulfillment. They are given to us to light our way and to encourage our steps, not to mark the end of the journey. But the peace of peace began with the Birth at Bethlehem and has been going on without cease. Christ has given men who accept His religion a love of peace. He has made peace the ideal and the goal of all our strivings; He has given, here and now, to those who trust in Him, peace of soul which no physical conflict can destroy, and faith in the Prince of Peace, when it is practical faith that shows itself in love of others, gives the firmest hope we can possess that the day of a new world order will really dawn, that international peace will be effectively organized, that men will beat their swords into ploughshares and nations shall not learn war anymore.

RURAL GLEICHEN

Mrs. W. Payne left Strathmore to spend the winter with her daughter in Portland, Oregon. Mr. Payne will spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Klepper in Calgary.

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is visiting his brothers, Jack and Babe McArthur.

Friday evening the pump house at the Otto Kirstein farm burned, the cause being unknown.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Haskayne spent several days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Haskayne.

Jack Bell reported Monday to the R. C. O. C. in Calgary.

Mr. W. Nunn has returned from his hunting trip and reports good success.

Jean Day spent the weekend in Calgary with her Mother.

The U. F. W. A. held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Walker on Dec. 9th.

Alberta Richards is spending a few days leave with her parents in Gleichen.

Mrs. Jack Thompson and little son Garry returned to their home at Kelowna on Friday.

Mrs. C. E. Messenger of Calgary is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Koefoed.

Word has been received that Denton Sammons enlisted in the R. C. A. F. in Oct., and all was well till further examinations located the stomach ulcers that had previously troubled him. He was discharged, so returned and is again driving the bus at Trail, B. C.

Elliott Evans left Friday for Rivers, Manitoba, where he continues his training in the officers course of R. C. A. F.

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STRATHMORE

ALBERTA

LETTERS TO
 THE EDITOR

To the Editor,
 Strathmore Standard
 I cannot understand why you selected for inclusion in your issue of last week an editorial from the Red Deer Advocate, and, it seems to me, giving it your blessing.

Of the three candidates in the Red Deer constituency I know nothing, but I fail to follow the reasoning of the editor. He seems to confound individuals with causes. He backs up the C. C. F. candidate because he is said to be the smartest of the three. That may be, but what about the cause he represents? Better an average man for a good cause than a smart man for a bad cause. Can anyone say that the C. C. F. is good cause? Here is their record as regards the War. By their works you shall know them!

1932 — "We stand resolutely against all participation in Imperialist wars."
 —Heging Manifesto.

1937 — "In the event of war, Canada should remain strictly neutral, regardless of who the belligerents may be."
 C. C. F. motion in the House of Commons.

1928 — "I am quite convinced of this that a large number of the young men of this land will refuse to bear arms in a cause in which they feel they have no interest." — M. J. Coldwell.

1940 — "We did not approve the sending of an expeditionary force overseas." — M. J. Coldwell.

Do these disloyal vapourings show statesmen or even common sense? If we had remained neutral, which is unthinkable, and in the event of an Axis success where would we be? Under the heel of Hitler, put in a concentration camp or shot? Naturally the people as a whole made to block Hitler but not the C. C. F. Are the people to support this disloyal bunch? Surely not. — T. M. Wears

EDITOR'S NOTE

Our reply to Mr. Wears query as to why we included in our paper of last week an Editorial from the Red Deer Advocate is this —

The election being held at Red Deer Thursday, 16th. Inst. gives an exceptional opportunity to see what is the popular reaction to the three contesting parties.

In this case we are informed the men are all highly esteemed in their home localities, hence it is a case where the policy they represent, that will be the testing issue.

To the second comment, we respectfully submit that we think Mr. Wears was reading between lines, when he felt we were giving the Editorial our blessing.

We have a high regard of several years standing for the Editor of the Red Deer Advocate.

But, as to supporting the cause of the C. C. F. we reserve the right to hold an open mind, and do not feel impelled in the present to declare our political views.

As to the arguments against the C. C. F. produced by Mr. Wears, we leave them to the judgement of our readers to decide for themselves.

CARSELAND
 —By H. K.—

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cary and children have arrived to spend the Christmas Holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Cole. The Carseland Christmas Dance will be held on Dec. 29th, rather than 31st, as first announced.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roland are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

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Junior Hockey

The Annual Junior Hockey Club Meeting was held in the Town Hall Tuesday evening, Dec. 9th.

This organization, which fosters the hockey activities of the boys, especially those of school age, merits the support of all parents who have boys who are hockey minded.

The Junior Hockey Club wishes to thank those who did attend as they, by their attendance showed that they realize the value of such an organization. Junior Hockey, in using the facilities of a rink, provided by the town, is one of the few enterprises that keep the children off the streets and from wandering around not knowing what to do or where to go.

The Executive for the season 43-44 is—

Honorary Vice—A. V. McParland.
 President—Gordon McParland.
 Vice President—J. Crellin.
 Secretary—Bobby Willson.
 Treasurer—Charley Stephen.
 Executive Members—George Palardy, Doug Shrimpton, B. Hagen and Frank Van Tighem.

Season's Greetings

— JAMES HARWOOD —
 Reeve M. D. Bow Valley No. 218

As the Christmas Season approaches we again look forward to those happy gatherings with old friends and loved ones. However, so many of our boys and girls have left us for a time, that we must content ourselves with the hope that before another year goes by we will all resume the places we left and make next Christmas the happiest one we have ever known.

In the meantime, our thoughts are over with those who are unable to be with us at this time and we join together in wishing them the Compliments of the Season and a Speedy Return.

Miss Helen Kennaugh left for Cochrane about two weeks ago, where she has accepted a position on the teaching staff of the Cochrane School.

Mrs. Moore of North Dakota is spending the Christmas Holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Dick.

COMING EVENTS

The Annual Christmas Dance will be held in the Carseland Community Hall on Wednesday, December 29th. Jack Little's Orchestra will furnish good music. Dec. 23

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WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS OF CANADA
by JIM GREENBLAT, Editor of the SUN
SWIFT CURRENT, SASKATCHEWAN



The Board of Control has recommended to the city council of Ottawa that they "adopt" the city of Kiev, Russia. . . . It is reported here that Prime Minister Smuts of South Africa cannot visit Canada this year as expected, but may be able to do so next year. . . . Donations have been given to the Red Cross Clinic. . . . The staff of the Department of Pensions and National Health in Ottawa, which before the war numbered about 1,800, has increased to more than 4,000. . . . The Department of Labour says 14,810 men had been transferred to more essential employment under compulsory transfer orders, up to Nov 16th.

If you really want maple syrup in gallon quantity you'll be able to get it next spring. According to information reaching the Consumer branch of W. P. T. B., any persons who save all their "D" coupons from now till March 2nd, will have enough to buy a gallon this because the Prices Board are increasing the value of "D" coupons for maple syrup from 12 to 20 ounces next March 2nd, also that coupons becoming valid on March 30th, will be good instead on March 2nd.

We're getting caught up on the war in Canada. Recently certain restrictions on steel were lifted. Now scrap aluminum will, subject to certain provisions, become available for civilian manufacture. The salvage division, National War Services, has announced they have enough old tires and tubes to meet the needs of the Crown company handling them. Improved tungsten supply is also reported.

The Department of Munitions and Supply is studying post-war possibilities for war plants, many of which can be converted without much trouble. Such war industries rubber production, optical glass, radar equipment (which may revolutionize radio communications) and is the basis of television) will continue in peacetime. Expansion will be needed in coal, as Canada imports about 60% of its total needs now; steel will be needed to rebuild Europe; ships taken from our inland waters will have to be replaced. Besides, automobiles, radios, washing machines, electric refrigerators and a tremendous number of household luxuries and necessities have not been produced since 1941. The field will be a widespread one.

No Lack of Work —
On the same question as the paragraph above, a brief presented to the House of Commons Reconstruction Committee by the Canadian Construction Association says we will need 80,000 houses built in the first five years. Cost and construction volume—first post-war year \$450 million to \$500 million; second year \$650 million; third, fourth and fifth years \$800 mil-

lion each. A gross construction volume of \$300 million a year, it was estimated, would give employment to 287,000 persons in actual operations and contributory industries. At \$800 millions the total would rise to 767,000. They asked for immediate preparation of complete plans for both private and public post-war construction programs to be ready for calling tenders "at an hour's notice."

The Canadian Red Cross Society is really a people's organization, because it is now getting the voluntary assistance of 2,096,600 persons across Canada. Imagine, just under seven million prisoners of war parcels had been packed from January, 1941 to October 31, 1943. The estimate for 100,000 parcels a week in 1943 would cost thirteen million dollars but it is surely worth it.

Not generally known but farmers can get the advice of the Architect's Office, Dominion Experimental Farms service, Ottawa where all enquiries from farmers and others relating to farm buildings are handled. In 1942 for instance, over 2,000 off-set sheets of building plans and 2,486 blue prints were sent out to 960 applicants, in addition to many other answers to enquiries by farmers as to their building problems.

Police superintendent, using telephone—Is that Mr. Joskins speaking? Good I thought I'd ring you up at once and inform you that we have found your missing wife.

Mr. Joskins—Have you really? What does she say?
Police—Nothing!

Mr. Joskins—Then you've made a mistake. The woman couldn't possibly be my wife.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

The United Church Service will be held Sunday, Dec. 19th, at 11 a.m. There will be Open Session of Sunday School and White Gift Service. At 7.30 p.m. there will be Christmas Music by the Choir. Rev. Hunt expects to be home for these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Ridley and Murney leave next week for Vancouver to be present at the wedding of their eldest son, Frederic, to Miss Cara Lee Smith the wedding to take place in St. John's Anglican Church, Vancouver.

Captain Arthur Lambert is arriving home this week after about six months stay in England.

Rev. S. R. Hunt is expected home this week after a visit to his sister and other friends near London, Ontario. Harold is expected to arrive home for five days at Christmas.

Lt. Ian McKenzie is enjoying a two weeks leave at his home in Strathmore.

Percy Wright has been very ill with the Flu for the past week.

Corny Cock is home on leave.

Mrs. Hyde is leaving Thursday via Canselana for Montreal to spend Christmas with her daughter A. W. 2 Violet Hyde. Violet has five days leave over the Christmas week-end.

PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL IS ILL

Very sincere will be the hopes of people everywhere that Prime Minister Churchill will completely recover from his present illness. He is much needed in these critical times.

"I say, Smith," exclaimed Jones, "where's that silk umbrella I lent you?"
"I found it was my own, so I kept it," replied Smith.

"You don't say so. And here I've been dodging old Robinson for three weeks, thinking it was his."

We never used to be able to find grandma's glasses, but now she leaves them just where she empties them.

The game of football was originated by the Romans.



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THE OTTAWA SPOTLIGHT (Continued from Page Five)

against depression after the war.
New Bulwark Against Inflation—

The new wartime wages control order has been issued by the government as a major action in the fight against the evil of inflation. In his recent broadcast the prime minister explained the dangers that lay in the path of the Canadian people if inflation pressures were not curbed.

Christmas 1943

CHRISTMAS 1943
— S. H. CROWTHER —

Principal of Strathmore School
Christmastide 1943! This old world
torn by war as it has never been torn
in its whole history. How incompat-
ible, how stupid, how tragic!

Why speak of that which is obvious?
Because so many of us are blind to the
obvious?

Can you and I do anything about it?
Is the periodic recurrence of war
man's fate? Is mankind to be torn to
bits at intervals throughout his future
history? Nothing that has been done
in the past to prevent war has worked.
Protective alliances, peace conference
and agreements, leagues of Nations
reduction of armaments, the outlawry
of war, all these have been tried with-
in our memory, but in spite of them all
we are fighting the most terrible of
all wars.

Yes, you and I can do something if,

but only if, we decide to cease to give
only lip service to Christianity and
start to practice it; if, but only if, we
cease to give lip service to Democracy
and start to live Democracy. Yes
we can do much as individuals but we
can do more if we associate ourselves
with others in organizations that are
founded on Christian and Democratic
principles.

We had better discover the causes
of war and proceed to remove these
causes by building a social, economic
and political system that will put an
end to them. If we say that this is
impossible then we have surrendered
to the belief that war is inevitable,
that man is a puppet to his fate, hav-
ing nothing to say about his destiny.
We are saying that the entire resour-
ces of years of scientific achievement
—achievement intended to bless man-
kind by preserving life and making
life more pleasant— must continue
every twenty-five years to be thrown

into destruction, into killing and maim-
ing, into blasting the treasurers of
centuries. Nothing known in barbaric
times surpassed the viciousness of this
war in its destruction of women and
children, of crowded cities and civilian
populations. Surely the time has
come when we must decide which is
worth the greater price, peace or war.
It is extremely doubtful whether our
civilization can survive another war.

At this Christmas time 1943 we must
determine to be practicing Christians
and put our faith in Democracy to the
test.

After all, this Canada is only you
and I, this world is only you and I and
unless we are willing to accept the im-
plications of this contention, to accept
the responsibilities which it demands
and to accept the challenge which it
entails, then the outlook for the future
is dark indeed.

We must believe with William En-
nest Henley:

"It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishment the
scroll;

I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul."

It is only as we rededicate ourselves
to the Founder of our religion and to
the cause of Democracy, that we de-
serve to win this war and to obviate
another such catastrophe. The choice
is ours — yours and mine.

In this spirit we wish you one
and all a truly joyful Christmas and much
happiness in 1944.

Christmas Message

— MR. M. MACLEOD —
Superintendent of Schools

The editor of the Strathmore Stand-
ard has asked for a Christmas mes-
sage to the members of the staff of the
Wheatland School Division.

At this time in the world's history it
would be idle to talk about peace, hap-
piness, and good will to all men, since
these features of the Christmas Ses-
sion no longer exist. It would seem to
be more appropriate to talk about our-
selves in relation to the total war ef-
fort expected of everyone.

The men in the armed forces have
gone through every kind of danger, in
the army, in the navy, and in the air
forces. Many of them have already
paid the supreme sacrifice. They
have done all that men could do.

Some teachers in rural schools and
even in town schools have felt that
their jobs were, by contrast, very pros-
aic and did not constitute sufficient
effort for the cause. Yet so closely in-
terwoven are the various threads in
the pattern of our national economy
today that schools must be considered
indispensable to the task of winning the
war. Without the best schools from
the kindergarten to the University it
would be manifestly impossible to pro-
vide the requisite training for the doc-
tors, the engineers, the airplane pilots
etc. Without the technical schools
and universities the war would soon be
lost, but without the ordinary public
schools the higher institutions would
have no sources of trained manpower
to draw on, so the net result would be
the same.

The modern army is no longer one
in which it is "Theirs not to question
why, Theirs but to do and die";
it is a body of highly skilled personnel
any one of whom must be able to take
charge as the need arises; all of whom
are able to think of the best solutions
for an emergency.

It is just such a training that the
schools are attempting to provide.
Indirectly, then, every teacher in
every classroom may to his or her bit,

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A Montreal rabbi joined his son
and his three brothers in the services
to become the second full-time Jewish
chaplain in the R. C. A. F. and the
fifth on active service in Canada. He
is Rabbi Julius Berger, of Montreal.
The appointment of Rabbi Berger
highlights the fact that there are over
12,000 Jewish men in the Canadian
combat services.

— A CHRISTMAS WISH —

"Puddings steaming, candles gleaming
Branches weighted down.
Christmas on the farms and ranches!
Christmas in the town!
Christmas on the mountain ridges!
Christmas on the sea!
May your Christmas Day be merry
Wherever'er you be!"

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With no raiders in flight,
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Was crying in fright.
The skies were all peaceful,
But in future take care
That St. Nick be the only one
Flying up there.

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Christmas Memories

— REV. H. V. ELLISON —
Rockyford-Rosedale United Church

In Sweden it was believed that on Christmas Eve the ancestors came back to their farmhouses and cottages, not in ghostlike way, but as fragrant memories. The tables were laid for them and beds made. The real inhabitants behaved as if they were intruders who were getting a night's lodging here. At Christmas we may have our fragrant memories, through this wonderful power of memory our ancestors may live again. Grandfather, Grandmother, Mother, Father and other loved ones.

This war Christmas, you may have fragrant memories of that boy who is over in England, in Italy, in Africa or somewhere else. Christmas! The children's Season. How you remember that boy of yours as a little fellow helping you to decorate the Christmas tree. Hanging up his stocking. Waking you up on Christmas morning saying, "Daddy may I just take one little peek at the tree?" Fragrant memory of his laughter and joy when he received his presents, and realized Santa had been so good to him. Then you went to church together. You can still hear his boyish voice beside you singing—

"Peace on the earth, good-will to men

From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the Angel's sing."

This war Christmas you remember especially those words you sang, they have such tremendous significance now—

And man at war with man hears not
The love song which they bring;
O hush the noise ye men of strife,
And hear the Angels sing.

Fragrant memories. How you pray and hope the noise of strife will soon cease, and peace on earth, good-will to men will soon be realized, and your boy will be back home again. On the other hand, it may be that some who read these lines, have to say, "not so for us, our boy will never come back, his body lies somewhere over there." Sad heart, wipe your tears away. It is true this Christmas you will miss him, but fragrant will be the memory of his unselfish sacrifice for others. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Your noble boy is one of—

"The valiant hearts who to his glory came,

Through dust of conflict and
through battle flame;
Tranquil he lies, his knightly virtue
proved,
His memory hallowed in the land he
loved."

Lift up your head, he is—

"One of the splendid who passed,
The great surer made,
Into the light that nevermore shall
fade;
Deep his contentment in that blest
abode
Where he awaits the last clear
trumpet call of God."

Most important of all our Christmas Memories, should be the memory of the Saviour of the World, the Babe of Bethlehem, whose birthday we are celebrating. We may dine sumptuously and get presents in return, and may make Christmas time a period of debauchery and excess. If that is all Christmas means to us, its value is not very great, and we may soon after have the same remorse and regret that the Inn Keeper of Bethlehem had long ago, when he realized he had shut

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Nowell Crowell, describes this experience in a very forceful and appealing poem, "The Innkeeper"

"They told me afterward there was a light,

Shone all night long above my Kahn's roof,
Centering above the stable, radiant white.

They tell me now it was a heavenly proof,

That the Christ whom we had waited for so long
Was there— That I had turned Him from my door.

They say above the field there was a song

Such as men had never heard before:
How could I know— how could hear or see
Other than the clamor of the crowd.

The bleating sheep, the bartering cries, the queer

And sharp demands upon me, that were loud.

If only they had told me!

If they had, I would have turned the

other guests away.

I believe that every one would have been glad

For the stable's shelter and a bed of hay

To give the Christ Child room . . .

Oh, surely I shall not be known for ever as the one

Who shut his eyes to a woman's needy cry.

Who closed the door upon God's Holy Son.

Unless our memories of the Christ and the principles of His life, such as righteousness, justice, brotherhood, good-will and Peace, are a very powerful and convicting factor this Christmas of 1943, controlling the lives of men everywhere, our hope for worthwhile days ahead and an abiding peace will be in vain.

May you and yours, along with the writer and mine, have fragrant and valuable, and abiding Christmas memories. Memories that will give us faith, hope and courage, sending us forth into 1944 most happy and victorious in spite of conditions.

In the highest sense of the expression I wish all readers of the Standard A very happy Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

THE GREAT TRADITION

Anyone who heard Roosevelt's recent address to the United States congress must realize the power great statesmen have over words. Zimmerman imagines that, like great poets, they "speak to one another from peak to peak," across immensities of time, in a common language. Franklin Roosevelt, the writer, had not this power. Roosevelt, the statesman, has it.

It is the same with Winston Churchill. His communications to the British House of Commons on the give and take of battle have the grand simplicity of Greek orations. They are summaries of instant fact, colossal narratives, immediate revelations of history delivered free style with no trace of

rhetorical effort.

The utterances of these two great men, long before they have been forgotten as news, will be gathered up in anthologies as examples of eloquence. They will be well remembered for what they are eloquent of, for they are the great outpouring of an immortal thing—the intrepid human spirit.

The war-time speeches of Churchill and Roosevelt cannot be easily and casually digested. Their ink is the fluid of history. They know more than they tell and brood more than they say. It is their own tradition.

— Christian Science Monitor.

To these names could be added that of the World's Premier Woman Speaker, Madame Chiang Kai-shek and General Smuts, and in a smaller world— Prof. Watson Kirkconnell of Toronto University.

A man wandering around with amnesia, trying to find out who he is. He meets a pretty girl who says, "I don't know who I am either—I was left on a doorstep." "Maybe you're a bottle of milk," he suggests.

Local News Items

Mrs. Galbraith of Brooks visited her son Mr. Howard Galbraith and wife, for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Robison entertained at two tables of Bridge Saturday evening in a very happy evening was enjoyed. Winners of prizes were Mrs. Moore and Mr. McGregor.

Sgt. Frank Bissiere and wife have arrived in Strathmore on a two weeks visit with Mrs. Bissiere sr.

F. O. Fred Hirtle has arrived from Newfoundland to spend Christmas at his home in Strathmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Hirtle and Mrs. Dixon arrived home last Thursday evening from New Brunswick.

Allistair McGregor had a five day leave which he enjoyed at home this week.

Orrin Woldum of the R. C. N. V. R. is home on leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cassen are rejoicing over the birth of a son.

Those who held tickets on the turkey donated to the Anglican Church by Mrs. George Thurston Sr. will be interested to know that the draw took place at Serviceberry School last Friday evening. The turkey was won by Mr. Ralph Way of Strathmore. Total amount realized was \$21.85.

Congratulations to Ray Dunn of Cheadle who has received his commission as P. O. He is now stationed in India, near Burma on operations as an F. P. We wish Ray happy landing and a safe return.

Fred Teare, who is stationed in Montreal, arrived in Carlsland Thursday morning to spend a short leave at his home.

Recruiting Officer—What's your name?

Recruit—Murphy.

R. O.—No. I mean your Christian name.

Recruit—I don't know, you see I was a twin and on coming home from our christening, one of us died. If Pat died then I'm Mike, and if Mike died, I'm Pat, but begorra, I don't know who died.

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ALBERTA

FOLLOW THE GLEAM

The Candle Lighting Service in which the keynote of the service is Follow the Gleam was given by the C. G. I. T. Girls with their leader, Mrs. Alice May Sunday evening with Mrs. A. Polley as organist.

It is an effective service and the girls carried through their parts well. The several Choruses by the girls were well rendered, showing the result of several hours of careful training.

That Leader and girls enjoy this work together was evident.

THE LIONS EXPRESS APPRECIATION

To all who so generously donated Livestock, Poultry, Cash and Labor to the Lions' Charity Livestock Auction Sale.

We wish to offer the sincerest thanks of the Lions Auction Sale Committee viz Lions Bill Springthorpe, Pat Brown, George Anderson, Gene Giroux, Sam Crowther and Walter Mercer. May knowledge of the fact that your splendid generosity has enabled us to forward the grand sum of \$4711.56 to the "Bombed out Children in Britain," help you yourselves to enjoy a merrier Christmas and a happier New Year. Thanks a Million.

Walter Mercer, Chairman

COMING EVENTS

The December meeting of Home and School Association will be held in the High School, Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, at 8 p.m. Interesting pictures will be shown.

Everyone welcome.

The Annual Meeting of the Red Cross Society will be held in the Memorial Hall Dining Room January 10th, at 8 p.m.

Keep this date open. Come and hear what this Society has done in 1943. Jan 6

Teacher—How can we make Anti-freeze?

Student—Hide her woolen pyjamas.

LOST—2 COWS BRANDED U Z under half circle on left hip. Reward offered for information leading to their recovery. Apply Joe Paris, Phone 1901. Strathmore Dec. 21*

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE—Secure yours at Percy Wright's home.

The Message of The Red Cross

— PHOEBE PATRICK —
President, Strathmore Branch

CHRIST-mas, 1943, and still a world at war! Yet in the hearts of those who labour in the shadow of the Cross there is joy, in the mysterious "Peace which passeth understanding." 'Tis a paradox, but in such work, the more one gives the more one gets. The object for which one strives urges one forward. "Snip, snip!" ones fingers ache from pressing the scissors. Then one forgets the great bolts of cloth and visualizes the radiance of a "bombed out child" in his gay and pretty dress. "Treadle, treadle!"—till one's muscles tire, but the long seams take shape, and one knows wounded men will be in comfort in the pyjamas, and contentedly treasure his few possessions in his personal property bag. "Stitch, stitch!"—the ray hits form themselves into soft exquisite quilts to nestle about tired babes, or soothe the sleep of the very old. "Click, click!"—the knitting needles grow hot in one's fingers, for are not the men and women of the forces by land and sea and air, holding our eager hands for the cosy woolies?

A pause—when all workers stand to join in the beautiful and appealing prayers of the Red Cross, a cup of tea which really refreshes, then "snip, treadle, stitch, click" again!

Such is a meeting of the Red Cross. And people have opened their purses and money has poured in, and money spent for the good of others is surely sanctified. Ask any returned prisoner of war. And yet do we give enough? The Mother Country calls, and who is deaf to a Mother's cry? Our allies, China, Russia call—and who is deaf to a comrade? India in famine, Greece robbed—who is deaf and blind to distress? Only the CHRIST spirit working through human beings, as He has Himself curbed His will, can restore peace and joy to this poor old world. So let us each and every one, proudly, thankfully, share through the Red Cross in bringing "Peace on earth to men of good will!"

WEDDING

BROWN - PAYNE

A pretty wedding was solemnized in Strathmore United Church Saturday, Dec. 11th, when Evelyn Viola, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Payne, became the bride of Kenneth Brown of the R. C. A. F. elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Lefty) Brown of Keoma, Alberta who is stationed at Coal Harbor, B. C.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, entered the Church to the strain of the Wedding Music played by Mrs. Alice May.

Rev. W. E. Sieber of Carlsland was the officiating clergyman. The youthful bride looked very winsome in a floor-length gown of white over georgette silk lace and a Chapel Veil. She carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Miss June Payne as bridesmaid for her sister, wore a pretty white net over blue silk, and Miss Turner of Kathryn, as maid of honor, wore white net over pink silk. Mr. Raymond Brown was best man for his brother.

Mr. Edgar Lyons and Willis Wise were the ushers.

Following the ceremony, the wedding party and guests, numbering

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thirty-five, motored to the home of the bride's parents, where the reception was held and the wedding dinner served.

The house was tastefully decorated with pink and white streamers and white wedding bells.

The brides table was centered with a three tiered wedding cake flanked by tall white tapirs.

The toast to the bride was happily proposed by Mr. Orville Payne, the groom and bride each responding.

The bride wore for going away a teal blue suit with brown accessories. After a brief honeymoon the groom will return to Coal Harbor, while the

bride will continue with her position with the Great West Oil Co. Ltd., Calgary.

Best wishes by many friends are extended for a very happy future.

Italian Officer—Now men, will you fight or will you run?

Men—We will!

Officer—Will what?

Men—Will not!

Officer—Ah, my brave men, I knew you would.

Epitaph on Hitler's tombstone—
"This is definitely my last territorial demand."